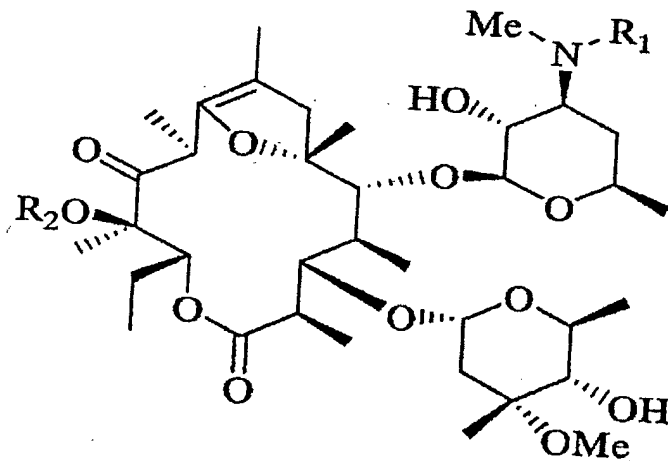


## Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The present invention provides a therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction, which is suitable for continuous medication and comprises an active ingredient a~~  
A compound of Formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(wherein  $R_1$  represents a  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group and  $R_2$  represents a  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl group). ~~The above erythromycin derivatives of Formula (1) has an improving effect on defecation dysfunction, and this improving effect on defecation dysfunction leads to acceleration of normal defecation, while unlike a laxative, is effective in the treatment of constipation.~~ Further, the above compound of Formula (1) is also suitable for long term clinical use because of its weaker antibacterial action than erythromycin. Thus, the present invention provides an agent

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~~having a safe and potent therapeutic and/or preventive effect  
on defecation dysfunction.~~